



THINK PINK

Mercy hosts cancer awareness luncheon

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State football, Homecoming and Halloween are just a few of the memories conjured up during the first month of fall. However, October is gaining more recognition every year as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In honor of the event, Mercy Regional Health Center was host to an "In the Pink" Awareness Luncheon Wednesday afternoon. The luncheon was decorated entirely in pink balloons, ribbons and flowers and featured two presentations, door prizes and information about breast cancer awareness and prevention.

Jeanne Byquist, a registered dietician from Salina, opened the luncheon with a presentation titled "The Power of Prevention: Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer." In the presentation, Byquist gave statistical information about how a person's lifestyle can affect his or her risk of cancer.

"Researchers tell us the majority of cancers are preventable just by lifestyle changes," Byquist

said. "Maintaining a healthy lifestyle and eating right have proven to be equally important in cancer prevention. By staying active, not smoking and eating right, we can reduce our risk of cancer by 30-40 percent."

Byquist also gave a brief description of a healthy diet and also ways to detect early signs and symptoms of breast cancer.

After Byquist's presentation, Sandy Christensen, the event's sponsor, expressed her appreciation for everyone who attended. She also took the opportunity to introduce Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-Manhattan.

Dr. Gregory J. Welle, a radiologist from Manhattan, concluded the afternoon's events with his presentation "Breast Cancer Awareness: Importance of Mammography." He began by providing information about the deaths caused by breast cancer every year.

"Breast cancer is the second-most common cause of cancer mortality in women behind

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Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Andrea Jahde, junior in interior architecture and product design, creates a mural outside of the K-State Student Union in the Bosco Student Plaza for the Kemper Art Gallery.

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Cowboys wear pink to fight breast cancer

By Jelani Yancy
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Local cowboys and cowgirls showed off their true colors at the Riley County Fair, proving they were tough enough to raise \$6,000 for cancer research.

The Kaw Valley Rodeo Association sponsored "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" night July 25 in recognition of victims and survivors of breast cancer, said Jan Galitzer, assistant to the director of K-State's Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research.

"Tough cowboys and cowgirls honored the tougher heroes - people who've fought cancer - and we all got to feel good about supporting the excellent cancer research happening right here at K-State," said Char Henton, secretary of the Kaw Valley Rodeo Association.

In addition to holding a dinner and a silent auction, the Rodeo Association sold pink T-shirts and bandanas to raise revenue at the fair, said Rob Denell, director of K-State's Basic Cancer Research Center.

The proceeds will fund grants and general cancer research at the center, which is one of the most highly ranked cancer research stations in the world, Galitzer said.

"Everybody is affected by cancer. Basic research is the building block on which future research and solutions can be found," Galitzer said.



Dillons donates \$3 million to aide cancer awareness

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Dillons Food Stores is promoting breast cancer awareness during October with a pink-tag campaign called "Giving Hope a Hand."

Kroger, the parent company for Dillons, donated \$3 million nationwide to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization in support of breast cancer awareness, said Shiela Lowrie, Dillons spokeswoman.

Along with the donation, Dillons stores are offering selected Kroger brand items with "Giving Hope a Hand" tags in support of the donation. National brands like Campbell's and General Mills have food items in pink packaging specifically for the Dillons chains. These products will be available for purchase throughout October.

On the backs of the specially packaged products are pictures of breast cancer survivors. Three Dillons employees from Kansas are featured: Angela Kelly of Liberal, featured on Kellogg's Special K Chocolatey Delight cereal; Jo Velasquez of Liberal, featured on Campbell's tomato soup; and Loyce Poncil of Pittsburg on Nabisco Wheat Thins, according to the press release.

Teresa Carter, president of Susan G. Komen for the Cure Mid-Kansas office, said Dillons donated \$400,000 this year to the organization in Kansas.

"[Dillons] has been a wonderful sponsor. They were committed when they first came on, but now they're family," Carter said. "They've really made a commitment providing educational materials and promoting awareness."

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Reitz pleas 'not guilty'

By Staff Reports
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Dr. Russell Reitz entered a "not guilty" plea in the criminal case of the State of Kansas v. Russell Lee Reitz on Tuesday.

Reitz, son of Sen. Roger Reitz, R-Manhattan, was charged with two counts of aggravated battery, KSA 21-3414(1)(A), a severity level-four person felony, and one count of domestic battery, KSA 21-3412a, a class B person misdemeanor.

The charges were the result of an incident that occurred on May 17 when Riley County Police responded to a domestic disturbance call.

The prosecution for the State of Kansas will be Assistant Attorney General Barry Disney, according to Riley County district court documents.

The trial has been set to begin Jan. 27, 2009, in the Riley County District Court.

K-State to host Big 12 event

By Deborah Muhwezi
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

More than 50 student leaders from all over the Big 12 Conference will be networking here in Manhattan with hopes of improving their respective institutions.

After going head-to-head with Texas Tech in a presentation to be the host school, the 2008 Big 12 Student Government Leadership Conference will take place at K-State this weekend.

There hasn't been a chance for other schools to see what K-State has to offer, said K-State Student Senate Chairwoman Amy Schultz.

To have the conference at K-State, Schultz conducted a presentation at last year's leadership conference with Student Body President Lydia Peele. In the presentation, they included different reasons why the conference should be brought to K-State.

Schultz, senior in biology and pre-medicine, said each institution in the Big 12 will bring about six delegates to the conference.

"I hope every student comes to the conference with an open mind," she said. "This is really the only chance they get to generate ideas to take back to their schools."

Peele said she and Schultz learned a lot from attending the 2007 conference, during which the gameday recycling initiative was discussed.

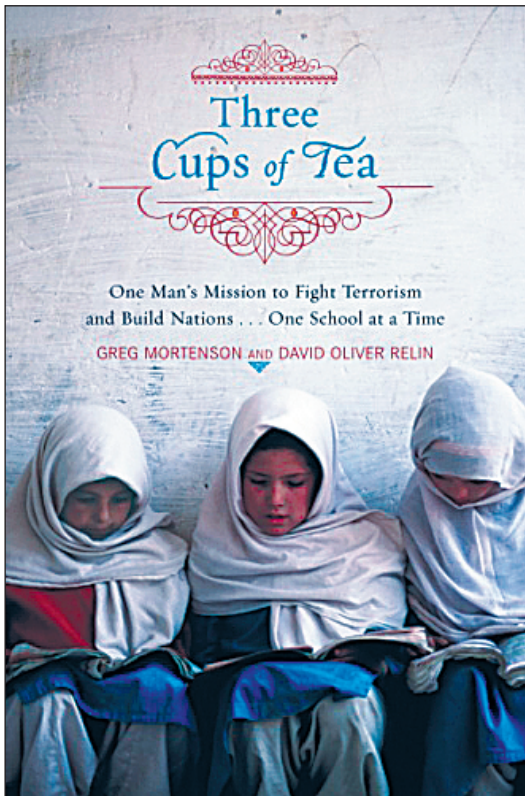
"I'm really excited about it," Peele said. "I hope to learn more about what other schools are doing and ways they've learned to reach out."

Peele, senior in math education, said this is the last opportunity for schools to compete to host the conference and will now operate on a rotation basis. This means K-State will not have another leadership conference here for another 12 years.

For this reason, Peele said they really wanted to

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Honor students raise funds for education in Afghanistan, Pakistan



COURTESY PHOTO

Gary Mortenson's novel about his journey to build schools in the Middle East has spurred the beginning of Pennies for Peace at K-State.

By Amanda Keim
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When Greg Mortenson wrote "Three Cups of Tea," his vision of giving an education to the children of Pakistan and Afghanistan became realized for thousands.

K-State students who are members of the University Honors Program were told to read Mortenson's novel over the summer. The book explains Mortenson's journey to build schools in the mountainous regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Mortenson's conquest had the students asking how they could help.

"The villages want their kids to have an education, but they don't have a school," said Stephen Kiefer, director of the University Honors Program. "The students just got very excited and said, 'We need to do Pennies for Peace. We need to help the Central Asia region start building schools.' Education is one of the ways to fight terrorism, and I think it's probably the best way."

As a spinoff of the original Pennies for Peace project founded by Mortenson, the honors program has started Purple Pennies for Peace at K-State. Kiefer said representatives will collect pennies in residence halls, greek houses, the K-State Student Union and at football tailgates.

"Part of the process is not just collecting pennies but explaining what it's for," Kiefer said. "It's to build schools in these war-torn areas and give kids a chance for an education. It's to get people informed of what Greg Mortenson is doing because it's a good way to go."

Collection officially begins today with a kickoff table in the union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The students' goal is to collect five million pennies, Kiefer said - enough to build a school, run it for five years and then let the village take over.

"It's a way K-State students can get involved working towards peace," said Karre Schaefer, junior in history. "It averages out to about \$2.17 a person. That's a cappuccino. I

think sometimes we don't understand how truly blessed we are and we take for granted our education. To get a school up and running is worth that small sacrifice - that \$2.17."

The deadline for meeting the goal is Nov. 21.

"This is one of the few times I have seen a project get started and seen the enthusiasm and watched it take fire," Schaefer said. "There has just been such a desire of people to get involved in this. I think that's what touches me most - how quickly it happened."

Schaefer said he was impressed by Mortenson's ability to communicate with another culture, discover its needs, and make sacrifices to change the world.

"It teaches a lot about true dedication and self-sacrifice," he said.

The Manhattan Public Library is supporting the efforts of the students and the efforts of Clafin Books and the Riley County Senior Center, both of

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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: IF I AM REMOVING AUTUMN LEAVES FROM KNOLLS IN MY YARD, YOU MIGHT SAY I’M RAKING THE MOUNDS.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

YOU SUCK | BY NOLAN FABRICIUS AND JEFF BROWN

HEY! WHERE WERE YOU AT THE COLUMBUS DAY PARTY WE HAD ON MONDAY?

WELL HE WAS A HUGE JERK, BUT HE WAS JUST ONE DUDE... I’M NOT FOLLOWING YOU ON THE WHOLE “IDEOLOGY” THING.

SO YOU’LL PUT UP A CHRISTMAS TREE, BUT YOU WON’T CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

YOU KNOW WHO ELSE FOUNDED AN IDEOLOGY WHICH, THROUGHOUT HISTORY, HAS BEEN MISUSED BY BAD PEOPLE AS AN EXCUSE TO TORTURE AND KILL TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HUMAN BEINGS?

A GUY BY THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST - AND NO ONE SEEMS TO HAVE TROUBLE CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY...

I DON’T AGREE WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF SOMEBODY WHO WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IDEOLOGY THAT LED TO IMPERIALISM, DISEASE, SLAVERY, AND GENOCIDE...

THE EXPLORERS WHO FOLLOWED IN HIS FOOTSTEPS TOOK THINGS TO THE EXTREME - THEY STARTED CLAIMING OWNERSHIP OF LANDS THEY DIDN’T OWN, AND KILLING ANY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE THEY COULDN’T ENSLAVE. WHILE COLUMBUS MIGHT NOT BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY ATROCITY, HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR STARTING IT ALL!

I WAS ALWAYS CURIOUS WHY YOU CELEBRATED THE HOLIDAYS BY TORTURING GINGERBREAD MEN AND BURNING THEM AT THE STAKE.

I ASSUMED IT WAS A WEIRD FETISH THING... NOT A HISTORICAL ACCURACY THING...

WELL... TO BE HONEST, IT’S A LITTLE BIT OF BOTH.

THE BLOTTER | ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

TUESDAY

Kevin Deandre Tomlin, Salina, was arrested at 11:33 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$6,000.

Ciara Cherelle Wooten, 2035 Fort Riley Blvd., Unit A, was arrested at 3:15 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Corey Allen Gormon, 1903 Daisy Court, 4:15 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

Denzel Ray Leonard, 504 S. Manhattan Ave., was arrested at 4:34 p.m. for probation violation. No bond was set.

Sonia Rae Reeves, 2410 Charolais Lane, was arrested at 5:25 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$500.

FRIDAY’S WEATHER

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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The Department of Modern Languages, College of Arts and Sciences, Studies in 20th and 21st Century Literature and Sigma Delta Pi are sponsoring a lecture by Helena Goscilo called “The Mirror in Art: Vanitas, Veritas and Vision” at 7 p.m. today in K-State Student Union 212. Goscilo will examine the use of mirrors in European art. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.ksu.edu/mlang/news.html#goscilo.

Career and Employment Services will sponsor Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. today. For more information, go to www.k-state.edu/ces.

The Academic Majors Fair will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Grand Ballroom.

The Pre-Vet Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Frick Auditorium in Mosier Hall.

Intramural entries for volleyball, inner tube water polo and singles sports are being accepted until 5 p.m. Thursday in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Meet “The Nonprofit Career Guide” author Shelly Cryer and other nonprofit leaders from Kansas City and Wichita from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday in the Hale Library Hemisphere Room. E-mail amhum@ksu.edu for more information.

Rec Services is sponsoring a High Rope Challenge event at the K-State Challenge Course from 4 p.m. until dusk Thursday. All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate. Sign up in the administrative office at the Rec Complex by 6 p.m. Tuesday. The fee is \$7 for students and \$10 for faculty/staff. For more information, call 785-532-6980 or go online to www.recservices.k-state.edu.

The influenza vaccine is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are scheduled for Oct. 16, 23 and 30 and Nov. 6, 13 and 20, or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene’s Web site, www.k-state.edu/lafene, for vaccine dates, times and information.

For a list of homecoming activities Oct. 19-25, go to www.k-state.com/homecoming. These activities include a 5K race to benefit the Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald City Pavilion, Sidewalk Chalking Contest, Crazy Cat Kickoff, Pant the Chant, Paint the Ville Contest, Wildcat Request Live, K-State Ambassador Elections, Yard Art displays, Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Pep Rally, and Homecoming Tailgate Competition.

Rec Services is accepting registrations until Oct. 29 for Hungry for Healthy Lifestyles, a three-week general nutrition program focusing on topics like making healthy food choices, emotional eating, maintaining healthy habits, healthy cooking and more. Classes begin Nov. 4, meeting from 5:15 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through Nov 25. Participation is limited to 35 people. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. All current students and Rec members are eligible to participate. A registration fee of \$40 will be paid during sign up. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Career and Employment Services will sponsor a Dining Etiquette Workshop at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Derby Dining Center Gold Room. The workshop is designed to prepare students for interviews and business meetings conducted over meals. Reservations and advance payment must be made by Oct. 31 by calling 785-532-6506 or by going to Holtz 100. The cost is \$7.50 per person or one meal exchange with a K-State student meal plan. Professional business attire is required at the event.

Manhattan High School Performing Arts presents the madcap Roaring ‘20s musical “Thoroughly Modern Millie” at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 13 and 15 in Rezac Auditorium on the Manhattan High School West Campus. Adult tickets are \$7 and \$5 for students. Tickets will go on sale after Oct. 29. Call 785-587-2117 for more information.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Yuwen Zhang at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Practice Management Center in Trotter Hall.

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Economics club research discovers tuition increases less than inflation

By Joel Aschbrenner
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For the first time in at least seven years, K-State students will see their tuition increase by less than the inflation rate, according to the KSU Economics Club.

Each fall for the last seven years, the club has researched and recorded a student price index. This year the SPI rose 7.3 percent, while tuition rates at K-State increased 5.9 percent.

"I know in the past, like last year for example, tuition increases were a big part and a big component in our increase of inflation," said Victoria Tidwell, senior in economics who helped research the SPI for the club.

The SPI is a compilation of prices of goods and services that students regularly buy. The prices are weighted by the percent of an average student's income that is spent on those goods and services. The club's study allotted 32 percent of a student's budget to tuition.

The tuition increase this year was significantly less than in previous years, as tuition at K-State increased 8.7 percent and 13.5 percent the last two years, respectively.

"I thought it was interesting because tuition usually goes up a lot, and this year that was changed," said Lisa Taylor, the club's secretary and junior in

mathematics and economics. "And that is good news for us as students."

From 2002 to 2007, tuition at K-State increased a total of 117.4 percent, according to the economic club's records.

"Contrary to some folks' beliefs, no one wants to be increasing tuition at the rates that it has been going in recent years," said Daniel Kuester, the club's faculty adviser. "But when public sources of funds are diminishing, as they have been, it puts the emphasis on the university to raise funds some way to keep the lights on and keep a good staff in place."

Kuester said he thought the decrease in public funds available to universities has caused tuition rates to rise. Tuition rates are decreasing this year, he said, because the reduction of these public funds is slowing.

"We had under a 6-percent increase in tuition," he said. "This is now basically in line with inflation, which is certainly reasonable."

From 2006 to 2007 the SPI increased 6.3 percent as students were coping with less inflationary gas prices. This year, students saw a 37 percent increase in gas prices, compared to just a 13 percent increase from 2006 to 2007.

"I would say that gas is certainly a primary culprit," Kuester said of the reason for the rising SPI.

To conduct their study,

club members volunteered to go around town and record prices. Each year the club records the same products and brands at the same time to ensure the results will be comparable to previous years.

Along with the increases in gas and tuition prices, the research showed increases in all but one category they recorded.

The price of housing has increased 6.2 percent this year. For the first time the club included greek housing prices in their report.

"That is a pretty common expense for people, so we decided to add it to the index this year," said Taylor.

Without using the data from greek houses, the price index for student housing would have risen 7.1 percent rather than 6.2 percent.

Kuester said every year since he came to K-State in 2004, the SPI has increased more than the overall consumer price index, which is information students can put to use.

"I think it is good for students to be aware of where their money is going," Kuester said. "I think it can be used as a good reason to [tell] mom and dad – if you are getting some help from home – 'Hey, we're being hit harder by inflation than the average American citizen!'"

The club started figuring the SPI in 2002, and

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■ A pitcher of beer from Aggieville — up 20.8 percent
■ A movie ticket — up 3.1 percent
■ Pizza — no change
■ Books — up by less than 1 percent
— Compared to 2007, according to the K-State Economics Club

was the first university to do so. K-State attracted coverage from CNN and USA Today, Kuester said.

"This has been our little innovation," Tidwell said. "We decided to do this to see what students spend their money on, and how much price changes affect students."

Since K-State pioneered the practice of establishing a student price index, several other schools have followed suit, but K-State has not collaborated with any other schools.

"I guess it would be interesting to find a national student price index," Kuester said. "But we are mainly doing this as a service to the K-State students, and as an activity that can promote the Economics Club and give folks an opportunity to be involved with the Econ Club."

MERCY | Exams lower risks

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lung cancer," said Welle. "There's about a 12.5-percent lifetime risk of breast cancer for the average woman."

After discussing different types of breast cancer and showing how and where it develops, Welle emphasized the importance of having a regular mammography - or breast examinations.

"There's approximately a 30-percent reduction in breast cancer mortality for women who undergo a mammography," he said. "We've been able to document significant benefits. There are roughly 1,000 fewer cases every year. The bottom line is we're beating this disease."

DILLONS | Store raises money, awareness

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The Mid-Kansas office, based in Wichita, serves 95 of the 105 counties in Kansas. The 10 counties surrounding Kansas City are covered by the office out of Kansas City, Mo., Lowrie said.

"Twenty-five years ago, we didn't talk about breast cancer," Lowrie said. "Kroger has raised \$11 million through the 'Giving Hope a Hand' campaigns."

The donations are given in support of breast cancer aware-

ness and research within Kansas. Lowrie said reducing breast cancer starts with raising awareness. There are 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. The Wichita office raised \$1 million this year.

Marcia Locke, public relations and outreach coordinator for K-State Center for Basic Cancer Research said the donations given by Dillons does not get donated directly to the center. All direct funding is provided to the center through private donations.

K-State offers library toolbar for browsers

By Tierra Gordon
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State Libraries has introduced a toolbar called LibX, which scans students' browser searches and alerts them to sources related to those searches that are available at the library.

Web development librarian Dale Askey said the toolbar is easy to install on browsers Firefox and Internet Explorer.

LibX is available for anyone, said Sara Kearns, librarian and head of instruction.

The toolbar scans the content the students are accessing and offers connections to the library to see if that source or related sources are available. The toolbar is a good asset for students at K-State, she said.

"It's so naturally built in the browsers, it makes it so much faster," Kearns said.

LibX can find articles or books from Web sites that students would normally have to pay to view or use, said Jenny Dale, assistant professor at Hale Library.

"If a student was looking for a book on Amazon, LibX would locate it in the library," Dale said.

Virginia Tech developed LibX and creators continue to update it, Askey said. For example, the university installed Internet Explorer for LibX because students used it more than Firefox.

"Two developers at Virginia Tech produced LibX," Askey said. "It has been available for about a year, and it keeps getting better."

He said K-State is one of more than 500 universities that have the service.

K-State Libraries will continue to offer similar products for future students, who might expect or be accustomed to toolbars like LibX.

"It's really easy and fun to do," said Kearns. "It's just a matter of clicking a button no matter where you are."

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Korean roulette

U.S. Sanctions prove to be useful



NICK A. WILSON

Amid a global economic crisis, civil wars and unlawful invasions comes a ray of light in dark times. BBC News reported Monday that North Korea will again resume granted access to their nuclear facilities. This is a giant leap in the right direction for world order and stability.

Officials and experts in Washington keep a “blacklist” pertaining to threats of stability. North Korea has been on this list of threatening nations for some time. Not long ago, the Bush administration branded North Korea as part of an “axis of evil” along with Iran and Iraq.

In 2006, the extremely secretive communist state tested an atomic bomb raising worldwide concern. Since then, a series of six-party talks took place between North and South Korea, China, Japan, Russia and the United States.

North Korea agreed in 2007 to end nuclear production to receive a disarmament-for-aid deal. The Korean government supposedly held its

end of the bargain, but the U.S. did not.

In return, Washington was required to remove the country off the blacklist but did not. The United States has since made the right decision in finally taking North Korea off the list after the six-party talks.

Because of earlier hesitation by the U.S. to remove North Korea from the list, Yongbyon, the major nuclear site, resumed its processing of nuclear agents for a short while. It is the spurred nuclear interest of the Koreans because of slow American political decisions that make this recent move all the more imperative.

It is still questionable what is shown to inspectors of the entire North Korean nuclear program. U.S. and United Nations crews soon will be sent to assess the North Korean nuclear program.

Patricia McNerney, the assistant secretary for international security and non-proliferation, said, “Verifying North Korea’s nuclear proliferation will be a serious challenge. This is the most secret and opaque regime in the entire world.”

According to The Associated Press, Paula DeSutter, assistant secretary for verification, compliance and implementation, explained that the North could once again block access to sites as they have in the past. While this is a step

in the right direction, this is probably not the last you will hear of the nuclear program in North Korea.

Many Republicans in Congress condemn the government’s act of taking the country off this terrorism list and have said it rewards North Korea’s bad behavior. Many would like to see actual progress in the disarmament of nuclear facilities before North Korea is cleared from the blacklist. Officials in Pyongyang wanted the U.S. to make the first move in order to “save face.”

The decision to remove the North off of the list was a good one. However, North Korea should be punished if inspectors are denied access to any site they see fit to search. The context in which the agreement came about might not be the best, but it is still a positive action.

It is a diplomatic, peaceful rhetoric that will brighten the world stage. Talks that made this recent action possible should be praised and welcomed by other nations in need of alliances. This political move by North Korea was to receive U.S. aid.

This proves strong sanctions against nations are a useful and effective diplomatic tool.

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TO THE POINT

Obama takes high road in final debate

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian’s official opinion.

Just three weeks before the election, Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama had their last debate.

The members of the Collegian editorial board are split on which candidate they support, and several still have not made a decision.

However, there is no question McCain was facing an uphill battle going into the debate, and he held little back. McCain questioned Obama on several character issues, including his connection to the now-famous Bill Ayers, a former social radical turned education professor.

Obama eloquently explained his answers to those questions, but he did not return with questions about McCain’s character. Instead he returned to his talking points on the issues.

No matter who won the debate - if

anyone actually ever wins presidential debates - Obama should be commended for his reluctance to attack his opponent on issues that do not necessarily affect the important issues of the election.

Besides, voters already have expressed they are not pleased with McCain’s attempt to question Obama’s character with his relationships in the past.

In a recent CBS News/New York Times poll, almost two-thirds of those polled said McCain spent more time attacking than focusing on issues. Obama was the exact opposite on those same questions.

Many voters are fed up with the politics of the past in which one candidate tries to bring down the other, and whether you plan to vote for Obama, McCain or anybody else, it’s fresh to see someone who can go beyond those attacks.

But it’s up to you to decide on Election Day whether Obama or McCain is the better presidential candidate.

Mentors valuable to college students



SHANE ORAM

Life is tough, hard and – sometimes – it just plain sucks. When trouble comes, it is easy to think you are the only one who has ever in the history of mankind gone through a trial of this caliber.

This kind of thinking is, of course, completely misplaced. Older, wiser people who have faced similar tribulations and events are all around us. Nothing is as priceless as a good mentor.

Whether it is a difficult chemistry class – the type of class that has plagued my collegiate career – or questions about life’s bigger questions, seeking the advice of others is extremely beneficial.

Fraternities and sororities have been playing off this concept for years, and many institute a big sister or big brother type of arrangement. This is an excellent way to gain real-world tips when it comes to class, social interactions and learning how to live this new lifestyle.

When it comes to scholastic endeavors, knowing someone who has trekked the same academic path adds to an arsenal of tools to ensure success.

It is much easier to talk to a person you know on a deeper level about an assignment than a professor with whom you only communicate during roll call. Learning in a comfortable situation is much more conducive to actual absorption of the material.

On this front, it is strongly encouraged to find someone you can meet with when questions arise in your curriculum. This extra edge can aide achievement in the classroom and the future.

Turning to the bigger picture, a mentor that is not a peer and has more life experience is definitely a necessity. This wiser, older in-

dividual is useful when large questions about life arise.

A community member, family friend or even a friend’s parent can be just who you need to unravel some of these mysteries.

Finding this person might not be the easiest task, and you might even have to find several people who will help round out your life, but the fact remains that without a guide you might make unnecessary mistakes that could easily be avoided.

This individual should be someone you can trust no matter what – a person you can be completely open with and not live in fear of his or her judgment. They ought to have experiences they can share and relate to your life, and you should be open to listening and responding to them.

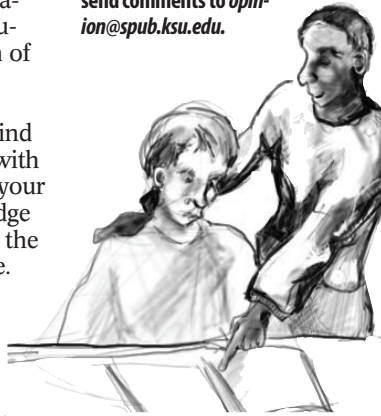
How many times have you wondered about your life choices or struggled picking a major or a career? Or perhaps you have had troubles with friends that required a deeper maturity than what they possessed?

Believe it or not, someday you might become the much-needed mentor in someone’s life. You might not even know that you are one until some time down the road.

People look up to you. Is what they are seeing a good thing? You look up to people around you. Are they a good image?

I encourage you to reach out to members of your community, find a mentor, learn from them and someday pay it forward and become one yourself.

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THE FOURUM

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Do you know only one in 12 people have heard the word?

Really people? How hard is

it to push a blinking light? If I hit you because it is dark and you aren’t taking the proper precautions, that is your own damn fault.

“It’s just like Grandpa’s” is totally the new “that’s what she said.” Come on people.

I’m going on a hunger strike until Ron is fired. I’m giving up Gumby’s to do that, and if you can’t print that, you’re terrible.

Me and my roommate just saw the redheaded Irishman on *Match.com*. Ladies ...

To the girl on Clafin in her rubber boots jumping through the puddles: we should date.

Me and my buddies are drinking beers in Hale. Way to go, security.

To any zoologists out there, how long does it take a giraffe to throw up?

I demand that you print this in for Fourum, or I will arrest you.

In the McCain auditorium, there’s a men’s restroom with two toilets and one stall. I like to think that Jesus is my copilot.

We just had our first eskiho

watch party of the year, and yes, we did have a sighting.

I just saw the redheaded kid off the Sandlot at Founder’s Hill.

Josh Freeman is so hot.

I need help. The English and Counseling Services does not have a bathroom on the first floor, and I really gotta go.

To the other guy who had the Razor scooter: one, I’m the real Scooter Guy, and two, we should start a scooter gang.

The smoking ban is absolutely ridiculous.

So much for the greatest turnaround in football history. We really blew that one.

Welcome to the first annual sexapoloza, where the beer flows like wine, and the beautiful women flop like salmon.

I can’t decide who’s more painful to watch, the Chiefs or K-State. Definitely K-State.



Check out kstatecollegian.com for the rest of today’s Fourum.

Inked for life

‘Perfect angel’ gets tat, joins rebellious brother



BRAD DORNES

My mom is going to be pissed. It shouldn't be that big of a surprise to her, though. My brother has seven. My sister even has one. But I have always been seen as a "perfect angel" in my mother's eyes.

Getting a tattoo is something that I've always wanted to do. On my personal "bucket list," it comes right before skydiving.

Having been born with a cleft palate and gone through a double-digit amount of surgeries, I have always felt the presence of God in my life. So I chose a tattoo of a Christian cross surrounded by the Latin saying: "Christi crux est mea lux," which means "The cross of Christ is my light."

During the days leading up to my appointment, as everyone in the Collegian newsroom could attest to - I was really excited. I might have even scared off a couple of new writers with my enthusiasm.

But, as I approached the Twisted Apple Tattoo parlor on the day of my appointment, I became uneasy.

I opened the door and even jumped a little when the overhead door bell announced my presence. The woman behind the desk looked up at me and smiled. "Here for your appointment?" she asked.

"Oh, yeah," I said, trying to mask my fear with enthusiasm.

She led me to the back of the shop to a medieval looking dentist chair and told me to take a seat.

We made small talk as she shaved my arm and got her equipment ready.

I laid in the chair with my arm across my chest



Photos by Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Twisted Apple Tattoo artist, Chris Tassin, tattoos a cross and Latin inscription on the upper right arm of **Brad Dornes**, senior in mass communications, Wednesday afternoon. Dornes said his brother, who is a former U.S. Marine, has seven tattoos and though Dornes has no plans to get that many, it does give him an idea of his family's response.

as she loomed over me. She started the machine. I turned my head, closed my eyes and waited.

The sensation of being tattooed is one that must be experienced because it is tough to describe. Basically, imagine a sharp, stinging needle being dragged across your skin.

The whole experience lasted about 45 minutes. I shook hands with Chris Tassin, my tattoo artist, paid my tab and was released back into society.

Tattoos used to be seen as rebellious and had an unsavory reputation. However, their popularity has been on the rise in the past decade.

According to a 2006 survey by the Pew Research Center, 36 percent of people ages 18 to 25 and 40 percent of people ages 26 to 40 have at least one tattoo.

There are an estimated 20,000-plus tattoo parlors

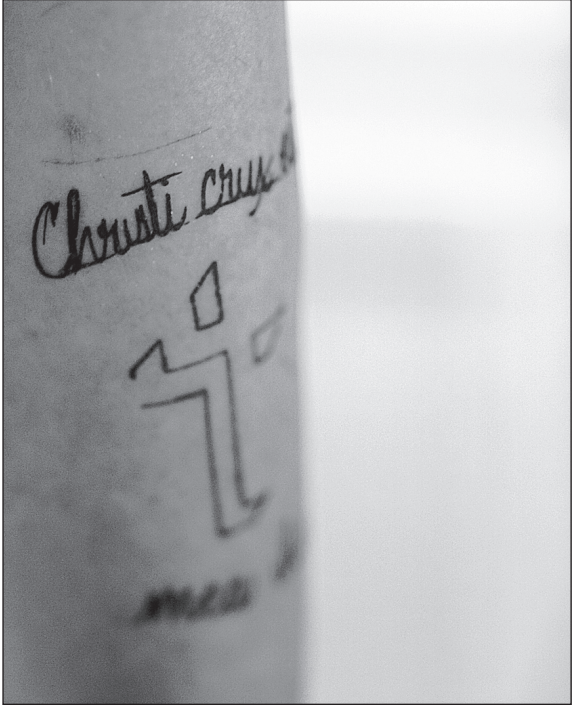
operating in the U.S., according to a U.S. News & World Report article. The article ranked tattooing as the sixth-fastest growing retail venture of the '90s, right behind the Internet, paging services, bagels, computers and cell phones.

By the looks of things, tattoos are here to stay.

If you want to get a tattoo, I have a few tips. Make sure it means something to you and will continue to be special, even decades down the road. Be original, and remember that it's going to be permanent - so make it count.

Oh, and sorry, Mom.

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The first step of the tattoo process is to place a stencil made with carbon paper onto the skin and apply a liquid solution to the stencil to transfer the design to the skin.



The second step of the tattoo process is to start to ink or tattoo a person's skin. This is usually done with a tattoo machine, although in some cultures tattooing is still done using the hammer method which includes two sticks and a needle.



The last step in the process is healing. According to Twisted Apple Tattoo, a tattoo should take between seven and 14 days to heal on the surface and between six and eight weeks to fully heal.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

APPLE UNVEILS SLEEKER MACBOOK LAPTOPS

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Apple announced Tuesday a new line of MacBook laptops in the hopes of juicing sales at a time when investors are increasingly nervous about a consumer spending slowdown.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs, speaking at the company's headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., unveiled two new MacBooks - a 15-inch model for \$1,599 and a 13.3-inch model for \$1,299.

As expected, Jobs also cut the price of its entry-level MacBook to \$999 from \$1,099, a partial concession to industry analysts who have been pointing to the success of lower-priced laptops in a more challenging economy.

The MacBook Pro will cost \$1,999 for a 15.4 inch model and \$2,499 for one with more memory and a bigger hard drive. The price range is the same as the previous MacBook Pros.

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GOOGLE'S 'GOGGLES' AIM TO PREVENT DRUNK E-MAILING

Here's the scenario: It's Friday night, and what began as an innocent happy-hour margarita morphed into a few pitchers.

Bidding friends adieu, you jump in a cab, head home and decide a quick e-mail check is in order. And there it is: a message from your ex. Or your boss. Or that friend you're secretly mad at.

If you're the person who types tipsy and regrets it in the morning, Google's "Mail Goggles," a new test-phase feature in the free Gmail service, might save you some angst.

The Goggles can kick in late at night on weekends. The feature requires you to solve a few easy math problems in short order before hitting "send." If your logical thinking skills are intact, Google is betting you're sober enough to work out the repercussions of sending that screed you just drafted.

And if you can't multiply two times five, you'll probably thank Google in the morning.

LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

Pancakes do not solve all problems; Crohn's Disease causes discomfort at Hale



ADAM REICHENBERGER

The other day I ran into the same girl four times on my way to the library. I don't mean that we saw each other four times, but rather that we actually ran into each other four times. She physically bumped into me at least three times.

The fourth might have been my fault but whatever.

The first time I laughed and excused myself and her apology. But the second and third, I gave more of a half smile while thinking, "Seriously? Learn how to walk." Having run into someone myself, I felt bad, until I realized it was her again and apologized out loud, while thinking to myself, "Gotcha."

Once inside the library, I

ro-sham-bo'd a guy for the last stats book on reserve, and having lost, went down to buy a drink at the Bookend Cafe. It's a neat little nook they've got there - sort of cramped, but I like it.

I saw a friend of mine standing in line and went to talk to her. She seemed to be having a bad day, so I offered her some pancakes. To my surprise, she seemed to take offense to this. I don't know about everyone else, but I could be having the worst day of my life, and if someone hands me a plate of pancakes - boom - best day ever.

So she turned down the pancakes - fine, her loss - and I offer to buy her a coffee if she can pick out a drink for me from the cooler that I can actually have. She pointed to five or six juices and teas before I just reached in and grabbed a soda.

"So you claim you can't have these juices but you drink a pop instead?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"That doesn't make any

sense. Pop's terrible for you."

"Terrible for you. I'm allergic to all those juices."

"Hmm, why's that?"

"I dunno, doc says it's stress-induced."

"Ha, you?"

"I know; he's a horrible doctor."

A bit later, I checked out the stats book and sat down to study before my test. But I got very little accomplished because the couple sitting across from me kept staring in my direction. But then I wondered, if I'm noticing them staring at me, maybe I'm the one staring at them, and they're just as weirded out as I am. Consumed by this conundrum, I packed up my bags and moved.

Moments later, I was forced to move again as my Crohn's Disease decided to let everyone know that I was indeed in the vicinity. Most of you probably don't know what I'm talking about, but if you're ever at the library - or anywhere for that matter - and you hear what undoubtedly must be the rumbling stomach

of a large animal, a whale or dragon perhaps, but look around and see no animals, then rest assured that I or someone else with Crohn's is within one city block of you.

But I won't apologize, because you're the idiot that thought there was a whale or dragon in the school library; that's just dumb.

So, having moved five or seven times already to avoid distracting anyone else, I was on the verge of giving up. Sitting down one last time I found myself alone - perfect.

Seconds later, a girl came in and sat across from me. I looked up, read DKNY off her shirt and thought to myself, "Man I would love to play Donkey Kong right now." So I went home and did exactly that.

As much as I love Hale, I'm beginning to think I'm not really cut out for it.

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Constant motion



Photos by Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Jared Martin, junior in social sciences, tries to catch the ball during water polo practice held at the K-State Natatorium. This fall, K-State joined the Great Plains Water Polo Conference with Marquette, the University of Minnesota, Iowa State University and the University of Kansas.

Club team overcomes challenges in early stages

By Scott Girard
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Imagine playing a soccer game in which you cannot stop moving your feet. Instead of standing, you have to run in place with only a few minutes' rest on the bench.

Now imagine doing that in water, constantly wrestling for position in the pool and trying to throw a light volleyball-sized ball in a net at the end of the pool with a goalie guarding it — that's water polo.

K-State started its own water polo club team last fall and has grown in size and competition level since then. Paul Jarvis, junior in interior architecture, started the club his freshman year after playing all four years at a high school in St. Louis.

"I started on the rowing team, and it got a little ridiculous because it's so far away and it was really, really expensive to be a member of," he said. "But I just loved water, and I loved sports

... so I just kind of got it in my head to start [the club team]."

PROBLEMS AROUND

Jarvis said he has encountered many problems on his way to building a team. The team practices only twice a week because the only pool they can practice at, the K-State Natatorium, is only available at those times. Jarvis said he encourages team members to swim as much as possible to build endurance and leg strength.

"That's been difficult because for water polo you have to be in really good condition to even begin to be able to learn and to keep yourself afloat," Jarvis said.

For almost the first full year of its existence, the team did not have a coach. Jarvis played on the team and coached at the same time. This spring though, the team found an experienced player willing to coach the team.

The player they found was Sam Greulich, a former All-American at West Point Academy and soldier stationed at Fort Riley. The players agreed that Greulich has brought more regimented and effective drills to the team's practices.

"[Greulich] is more of an authority figure, while Paul was more of a friend and teammate who happened to be coaching," said Nick Attwater, sophomore in creative writing.

STARTING FROM THE BEGINNING

As coach of the team, Jarvis was one of only three or four team members who had previous experience in the sport. To attract people to the team, Jarvis said he invited people from the water polo class at UFM and advertising at the activities fair.

Because of the team's inexperience, it did not compete in tournaments until the end of last spring. Instead, they practiced the basics of passing, shooting, defending and other aspects of the game.

"It took about eight months to fully understand and pass well and to be able to be actively involved in the game, so most of a school year" said Daniel Lamm, junior in interior architecture.

Both Lamm and Attwater did not play water polo before

joining the team. Lamm said he had always been interested in athletics and as a surfer from Southern California, he enjoyed being on the water. Attwater said he swam in college and said he joined the team after seeing its booth at the activities fair.

FINALLY IN COMPETITION

This fall, K-State joined the Great Plains water polo conference with Marquette, the University of Minnesota, Iowa State and KU, though its team is taking the semester off.

K-State has already played a few tournaments, and Jarvis said the team has performed well based on the circumstances.

"Being our first season ever and a lot of peoples' first games, we've done pretty decent I'd say," Jarvis said.

The team will play its final tournament of the fall next weekend at the Great Plains Championship at the University of Minnesota.

Though the team is finally starting gel after almost a year of preparation, the members said they did not want to discourage anyone from joining the team regardless of gender or experience.

"If you have good swimming ability and you have athletic prowess, you can pick up on it pretty easily," Attwater said.



Paul Jarvis, junior in architecture and product design, prepares to pass the water polo ball during a practice scrimmage. Hitting another player's arm while the player passes or holds the ball is prohibited.

General basics of water polo

- Seven players are in the pool from each team, including one goalie.
- Players aren't permitted to touch the water polo ball with more than one hand.
- You cannot hold the ball underwater at any time; this is even if it's abused by another player holding your arm down.
- There is no hitting another players arm while he is passing or holding the ball.
- No player may push off from a defensive player. This will result in a foul on that player.
- There's no touching the bottom or sides of the swimming pool.
- You cannot dunk or push other players under during play of the game.
- A dropped pass is a turnover.

Pacman wears out welcome again



JOEL JELLISON

It's time for the NFL and Adam "Pacman" Jones to finally dissolve their relationship.

Yes, we all thought Jones was taking advantage of his fresh start with the Dallas Cowboys, and if you believed it would work out in the long run when NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell reinstated him, then you weren't alone.

But to those who actually bought in to the fact that he was really getting a fresh start and believed he wouldn't cause trouble again — are you really surprised?

Pacman entered the year with a lot of new, exciting changes to himself and his personality. The "Pacman" name was gone, the dreads were gone, he was donating money to charity, and most of all, he hadn't gotten in trouble for awhile.

Owner Jerry Jones understood what he was getting himself into when he traded for Pacman, but after meeting with the player he believed he would be more of a contribution than a problem. Unfortunately, his belief in the young defensive back was ill-fated.

Jones assigned a bodyguard to be with Pacman. He didn't want the player to get into trouble so he told him to stay low and be quiet. It just didn't work, though.

For some reason, Pacman chose to fight with the man assigned to protect him. Instead of staying out of trouble, he went after a person who was there to keep him out of trouble.

The truth is, Pacman might never get over his urges to cause trouble. Interestingly enough, Jones came to the NFL along with troubled West Virginia teammate Chris Henry.

Both players have been in constant trouble since joining the league and both have been suspended by the league indefinitely at times. Each returned to the league this year, Jones with the Cowboys and Henry to the Bengals, with the hope neither would cause anymore trouble.

Instead, it's been a race to see which one would find themselves suspended again. Henry successfully stayed out of trouble for the first four weeks of the season while he served the remainder of a suspension. He's been safe since.

Jones went the opposite way, making news early even as his team's owner was urging him to be careful. And it couldn't have come at a worse time either.

The Cowboys are lacking depth at the cornerback position because of injuries, and taking Jones out of the lineup makes it even worse. Jones wasn't just playing defense and enjoying the spotlight he received for covering Terrell Owens in practice, but he was also returning punts.

Now a team that was looking toward Super Bowl expectations is looking for fast fixes in the defensive secondary.

Cowboys problems aside, the main problem is Jones, not only for the league, but for himself. The best thing for the NFL and Jones to do is end their relationship.

While Pacman might be one of the better athletes to ever touch the professional gridiron, his personality problems likely have ruined his career before it could even get started.

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WILDCAT NEWS

KSU tops grad rates; Open tryouts Tuesday

K-STATE AGAIN NO. 1 IN GRADUATION RATE

The NCAA released its latest graduation rate data based on 2008 reports this week and for the second-straight year, K-State is first in the Big 12 Conferenc for all student-athletes in the 2001-02 class according to the Federal Graduation Rate.

Highlighted in the numbers were 100-percent graduation rates for men's basketball, men's track and field, women's basketball, women's track and field and men's golf (listed among other sports according to the NCAA), while K-State Football also was listed at No. 1 in the conference with a 67-percent graduation rate. K-State led the way for all student-athletes with a 75-percent fed grad rate, while Texas was second at 63-percent.

The 2008 Federal Graduation Rate is based on data from scholarship student-athletes receiving athletics aid who were designated as freshmen for the 2001-02 academic year. K-State also led the Big 12 in 2007 with a 75-percent graduation rate for all student-athletes

and was No. 1 in the conference in football as well at 87-percent.

WALK-ON TRYOUTS SET FOR TUESDAY

K-State head coach Frank Martin will be host to walk-on tryouts at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bramlage Coliseum.

All interested individuals are required to have passed a physical and be a full-time student at K-State. In addition, individuals must bring photo identification and a health insurance card to participate in the tryouts.

WILDCATS WRAP UP PRICE'S GIVE'EM FIVE COLLEGIATE

Las Cruces, N.M. — The K-State women's golf was unable to make up any ground in the third and final round Wednesday as the Wildcats shot a 23-over 311 to finish the Price's Give'em Five Collegiate tied for 11th at 307-314-311-932 (+68).

"We are close but not there yet," head coach Kristi Knight said. "Everyone played very solid

over a stretch of holes today but did not put an entire round together."

UC Irvine ran away with the tournament, finishing 18 strokes ahead of second Baylor and shooting a 293-302-286-881 (+17). Baylor finished four strokes ahead of Big 12 opponent Oklahoma, carding a 297-304-298-899 (+35).

UC Irvine was able to take home first place honors in large part to Jane Chin, who finished the tournament four strokes ahead of her nearest competitor, carding a 70-74-68-212 (-4). Kasey Claussen, who was tied for 6th after two rounds, shot a tournament low 5-under 67 in round three to finish in second place at even par 216.

Junior Morgan Moon was the Wildcats' best finisher as she carded a 73-77-80-230 (+14) and finished tied for 31st. Freshman Paige Osterloo finished six strokes back from Moon with a 79-80-77-236 (+20).

The Wildcat's next action will be Nov. 2-3 in the Challenge at Wolfdancer at Wolfdancer Golf Resort in Austin, Texas.

PENNIES | Program builds 75 schools

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which are collecting pennies for Pennies for Peace.

Susan Withee, library reference manager, said it was a coincidence that both the library and honor students chose “Three Cups of Tea” as their reading projects. The library is also organizing a presentation on Afghan women’s lives and education at 7 p.m. Oct. 30. The presentation will feature an American woman who has both lived and worked in Afghanistan.

So far Pennies for Peace has constructed 75 schools, and Mortenson plans to build as many as necessary, Kiefer said.

“There are a lot of very

poor villages in this area, and he’s barely scratched the surface,” Kiefer said. “His model is one that can be used by other agencies and governments. There’s a very real ripple effect going on there.”

As the effects of Mortenson’s novel continue to ripple throughout the world, Kiefer said it is important to recognize how K-State and the rest of the United States are connected with the situation at hand.

Kiefer said Pennies for Peace is an important organization because it helps people learn they do not have to resort to violence to solve problems. He said educated people generally do not join extremist groups, which recruit



Photo illustration by Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN
K-State is starting its campaign to raise pennies for schools in the Middle East this week.

members from the Middle East.

“I think it’s important because the lack of an education is one of the problems

that the world has,” Kiefer said. “It does have an affect on us and in our country. Education is a very important part of our lives.”

SGA | Speakers, caterer booked

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only concentrate on what’s going on in our schools,” said Emily Haug, Big 12 student government conference coordinator, “so it’s nice to hear what other schools are doing and the issues and initiatives that are going on at their schools.”

Haug, junior in political science and marketing, said they have been planning for the conference throughout the summer. They have booked speakers and a caterer and created leadership workshops with the School of Leadership Studies and other activities to ensure the success of the conference.

“It has been a lot of planning and work,” she said. “We’re just trying to have the best conference we could possibly have here at K-State.”

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Britney McLeod, as Winnifred, explains her travel from home to meet Prince Dauntless the Drab during the first act of "Once Upon a Mattress."

By **Jelani Yancey**
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K-State's Music and Theater and Dance Departments presented the opening performance of "Once Upon a Mattress," a two-act musical comedy based on "The Princess and the Pea," Wednesday night.

The vivid, gaudy costumes and brisk, slightly jazzy musical sets moved the event along at a pace that captivated the audience for the entire two-and-a-half hour performance.

"There was a lot of differentiality between the characters," said Hunter Kastner, junior at Manhattan High School. "The costumes were really flashy. They kept my attention."

In the play, the overbearing Queen Aggravain poses impossible tests for princesses

who visit the court with hopes of marrying her young son, Prince Dauntless.

"A princess should be delicate," sang the minstrel, played by Anthony Francisco.

But the star princess proves to be anything but delicate. Led by a knight of Aggravain's court, Princess Winnifred travels far and wide, through "badlands," even swimming through a moat, to meet the prince.

Folksy and plucky, Winnifred drinks, dances, wrestles, and even lifts a "537-stone" barbell. Everyone warms to Winnifred except Queen Aggravain.

"I liked how the princess was ditzy and crazy," said Logan Barnes, sophomore at Manhattan High School.

Decked out like a Disney villainess and speaking with a haughty edge to her voice, Aggravain comes up with a way to show

that Winnifred is -- wait for it -- not dainty enough to be a princess.

"It was a very heavy, restricting costume, but the whole part ended up being really fun," said Olivia Marsh, who played the role of Aggravain.

Wacky hijinks ensued, complete with massive musical sets and tongue-in-cheek bawdiness.

"It reminds me of Family Guy. It looks like a cartoon, but there's so much more behind it," said Amanda Barker, freshman in fine arts.

The play was written to work on two levels, explained director R. Michael Gros, an assistant theater professor. "Part of the story is played for a young audience. Part of it is played for the adults watching in the room with them."

The 15-member cast ran the gamut from freshmen to grad students, Gros said. The authors of the play, adapted from the story by Hans Christian Andersen, created a "zany situation" that the actors must play with straight faces, Gros said.

"I loved it," said Ryan Robinson, junior in accounting. "It was colorful. It was funny and upbeat. You could smile the whole time."

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